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November 25, 2003

Scott Hassett, Secretary Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 South Webster Street, Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707

Dear Secretary Hassett:

I am writing to confirm my agency's support as a member of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition's (WBC) for the application to the United State Environmental Protection Agency for a federal brownfields clean-up grant.

This multi-agency partnership between the Departments of Administration, Natural Resources, and Commerce supports the goals of the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program within the Department of Administration and Governor Doyle's "Grow Wisconsin" initiative. This grant administered by the Department of Natural Resources, as a revolving loan fund (RLF) would provide sub-grants and no-to-low interest loans to Wisconsin communities in order to help them clean up their brownfields.

Brownfields are a significant obstacle in regaining Wisconsin's environmental and economic health. The WBC's grant would clean up environmental contamination in areas where pollutants have been identified as a problem. After cleanup, brownfields can be redeveloped so that appropriate growth occurs within communities rather than encroaching into open space on their edges.

The implementation of this partnership and grant program is an excellent opportunity to further our common goals of sustainable economic development and resource protection.

Sincerely,

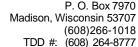
Marc J. Marotta, Secretary

cc: Cory L. Nettles, Secretary

Wisconsin Department of Commerce

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Darsi Foss, Brownfields Section Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources



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December 3, 2003

Scott Hassett, Secretary Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 South Webster Street, Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707

#### Dear Secretary Hassett:

I am writing in support of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition's - the Departments of Natural Resources, Commerce and Administration - application to EPA for a federal brownfields clean-up grant. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce has agreed to become a member of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition for the purpose of applying for the EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund. This grant would be administered by DNR as a revolving loan fund that would provide sub-grants and no-to-low interest loans to Wisconsin communities to assist in the clean up of their brownfields.

The Department of Commerce recognizes that brownfield projects are opportunities for economic and social redevelopment. As such, the Department has provided over \$33 million in grants in the past five years to assist communities and businesses in the redevelopment of contaminated properties. The RLF application by the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition represents our goals and enhances our efforts for several reasons:

- It helps local governments take advantage of existing infrastructures.
- It helps protect citizens from environmental pollutants.
- It helps urban centers market themselves as healthy and productive places to work and live.
- It supports sound land use management.

You can be assured that the Department of Commerce will support the Wisconsin Brownfield Coalition. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cory L. Nettles

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# **Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission**

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Martin W. Holden, Executive Director

The regional planning commission for Northeastern Wisconsin serving communities within the. counties of:

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November 14, 2003

Scott Hassett, Secretary Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 South Webster Street, Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707

Dear Secretary Hassett:

We are writing in support of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition's (WBC) - the Departments of Natural Resources, Commerce and Administration - application to EPA for a federal brownfields clean-up grant. The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission, representing the counties of Brown, Florence, Oconto, Marinette, Oconto, Sheboygan and communities in Manitowoc and Door Counties is formally agreeing to become a member of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition for the purpose of applying for the EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) This grant would be administered by DNR its a revolving loan fund (RLF) that would provide sub-grants and no-to-low interest loans to Wisconsin communities in order to help them clean up their brownfields.

Brownfields are a significant obstacle in regaining Wisconsin's environmental and economic health. These abandoned, idle or underused properties can face many hurdles to redevelopment, and the first of these is the stigma of contamination. The WBC's grant would be used to clean up environmental contamination in areas where pollutants have been identified as a problem. After cleanup, brownfields can be redeveloped so that growth occurs within "downtown" communities rather than sprawling into green spaces on the edges of towns.

The RLF application by the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition is a good fit with our regional planning goals for several reasons:

- It supports sound land use management.
- It helps local governments take advantage of existing infrastructures.
- It helps protect the public from environmental pollutants.
- It helps urban centers market themselves as healthy and productive places to work and live.
- It helps implement the BLRPC economic development strategy to encourage the revitalization of existing commercial and industrial areas.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (920) 448-2820,

Sincerely,

Martin W. Holden Executive Director

CC:

Darsi Foss, DNR



# Dane County Regional Planning Commission

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November 20, 2003

Scott Hassett, Secretary Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 South Webster St., Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707

#### Dear Secretary Hassett:

We are writing in support of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition's (WBC)-the Departments of Natural Resources, Commerce and Administration - application to EPA for a federal brownfields clean-up grant. The Dane County Regional Planning Commission is formally agreeing to become a member of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition for the purpose of applying for the EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) This grant would be administered by DNR as a revolving loan fund (RLF) that would provide sub-grants and no-to-low interest loans to Wisconsin communities in order to help them clean up their brownfields.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 266-4417.

Sincerely,

Michael King

**Executive Director** 

cc: Darsi Foss, DNR

#### EAST CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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October 30, 2003

Scott Hassett, Secretary Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 South Webster Street, Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707

Dear Secretary Hassett:

We are writing in support of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition's (WBC) - the Departments of Natural Resources, Commerce and Administration - application to EPA for a federal brownfields clean-up grant. The East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, representing Calumet, Outagamie, Shawano, Menominee, Fond du Lac, Winnebago, Marquette, Green Lake, Waupaca, and Waushara Counties, is formally agreeing to become a member of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition for the purpose of applying for the EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) This grant would be administered by DNR as a revolving loan fund (RLF) that would provide sub-grants and no-to-low interest loans to Wisconsin communities in order to help them clean up their brownfields.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (920) 751-4770.

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Harlan P. Kiesow, Executive Director

cc: Darsi Foss, DNR Eric Fowle, ECWRPC Elizabeth Runge, ECWRPC

Member Counties: Calumet Menominee Outagamie Shawano Waupaca Waushara Winnebago

## NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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November 5, 2003

Scott Hassett, Secretary Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 South Webster Street, Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707 COPY

Dear Secretary Hassett:

We are writing in support of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition's (WBC) - the Departments of Natural Resources, Commerce and Administration - application to EPA for a federal brownfields clean-up grant. The North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC), representing Adams, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Wood and Vilas Counties, is agreeing to become a member of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition for the purpose of applying for the EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund. This grant would be administered by DNR as a revolving loan fund that would provide sub-grants and no-to-low interest loans to Wisconsin communities in order to help them clean up their brownfields.

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As you may know, the NCWRPC has been involved in economic development for over 30 years and the current effort Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition fits with our planning goals for several reasons:

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- It helps protect citizens from environmental pollutants.
- It helps urban centers market themselves as healthy and productive places to work and live.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (715) 849-5510, Extension 304.

Sincerely,

Dennis Lawrence, AICF Executive Director

cc: Darsi Foss, DNR

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November 10, 2003

Secretary Scott Hassett Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 South Webster Street, Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707

Dear Secretary Hassett:

We are writing in support of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition's (WBC) - the Departments of Natural Resources, Commerce and Administration - application to EPA for a federal brownfields cleanup grant. The Northwest Regional Planning Commission, representing Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, Washburn and the Tribal Nations of Bad River, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac Du Flambeau, Red Cliff and St. Croix is formally agreeing to become a member of the Wisconsin Brownfield Coalition for the purpose of applying for the EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) This grant would be administered by DNR as a revolving loan fund (RLF) that would provide sub-grants and no-to-low interest loans to Wisconsin communities in order to help them clean up their brownfields.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 715/635-2197.

Sincerely.

MyronSchuster Executive Director

Northwest Regional Planning Commission

### SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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November 3, 2003

Mr. Scott Hassett, Secretary Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 S. Webster Street Madison, WI 53707



Dear Secretary Hassett:

This letter is being provided in support of the State of Wisconsin's application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Federal revolving loan fund (RLF) grant for the clean-up of contaminated properties or "brownfields". The RLF would be designed to provide grants and below-market interest rate loans to municipalities and counties in order to help with the clean-up of brownfield sites. The program would be administered through the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition (WBC), a partnership between the Wisconsin Departments of Natural Resources, Commerce, and Administration and local units of government in the State.

As the comprehensive planning agency representing the seven counties in the Southeastern Wisconsin Region - Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha - the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission agrees to become a member of the WBC and to promote the use of the new RLF in Southeastern Wisconsin.

The proposed RLF program is supportive of the regional plans prepared and adopted by the Regional Planning Commission. These plans provide recommended land use alternatives that together form the basis of a strategy for regional economic development activities. The WBC's goal of supporting sound land use management, fully utilizing existing infrastructure, protecting the citizenry from environmental pollutants, and providing a mechanism to encourage urban revitalization is consistent with the Commission's goal of a regional economy with the urban cores as the major centers of activity within the Region.

We look forward to working with you on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Philip C. Evenson Executive Director

PCE/JRM/jm #88131vl - WBC LETTER OF SUPPORT

cc: Darsi Foss, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources



# SOUTHWESTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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November 24, 2003

Scott Hassett, Secretary Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 South Webster Street, Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707

Dear Secretary Hassett:

We are writing in support of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition's (WBC) - the Departments of Natural Resources, Commerce and Administration - application to EPA for a federal brownflelds clean-up grant. The Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, representing the counties of Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, and Richland, is formally agreeing to become a member of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition for the purpose of applying for the EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) This grant would be administered by DNR as a revolving Ioan fund (RLF) that would provide sub-grants and no-to-low interest Ioans to Wisconsin communities in order to help them clean up their brownfields.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 608-342-1713.

Sincerely,

Lawrence T. Ward Executive Director

cc: Darsi Foss, DNR



#### West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

October 28, 2003

Mr. Scott Hassett, Secretary Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources 101 South Webster Street PO Box 7921 Madison. WI 53707

#### Dear Secretary Hassett:

We are writing In support of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition's (WBC) - the Departments of Natural Resources, Commerce and Administration - application to EPA for a federal brownfields clean up grant. The West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, representing Barren, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Polk, and St. Croix Counties, is formally agreeing to become a member of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition for the purpose of applying for the EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). This grant would be administered by the DNR as a revolving loan fund that would provide sub-grants and no-to-low interest loans to Wisconsin communities in order to help them clean up their brownfields.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (715) 836-2918.

Sincerely,

Jerry Chasteen

Director

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